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established liaison with the Moslem Brotherhood (Ikhwan al-Muslimin)  
in Iraq and the two organizations are now coordinating their activities.

- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Moslem Brotherhood is expanding rapidly,  
particularly among students who find that the fanaticism of the  
Brotherhood provides an outlet for disillusionment over the failure  
of the Iraqi Army in Palestine.

3. The names of the Iraqi leaders of the Moslem Brotherhood are not known,  
although they are described by informant as fanatical. [REDACTED]  
Mosul. [REDACTED] ten leaders of the Moslem Brotherhood were arrested there during the  
week of 2-8 January. This [REDACTED] although the Moslem  
Brotherhood is a potential political threat, it is loosely organized  
in Iraq.

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- 25X1A 4. Both of the [REDACTED] that Prime Minister Nuri Sa'id will  
take steps to break up the Moslem Brotherhood.

- 25X1A Comment. It is possible that Siddiq Shanshal, Secretary of the  
Independence Party, who is under arrest on a charge of inciting  
demonstrations and riots, may be the contact man between that party  
and the Moslem Brotherhood. [REDACTED]  
Iraqi political parties, claim that Shanshal will be released, in  
order not to arouse public indignation, although this informant states  
that the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior has enough criminal evidence  
against both Shanshal and the Independence Party to deprive them of  
political strength.)

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